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In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for his time in discussing the present application.

As discussed with the Examiner, claim 1 is directed to a mixing tube alone, independent of any system in which the tube may be installed, the mixing tube having a collar rigidly fixed to an outer surface of the mixing tube body. In contrast, the mixing tube 87 of